

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing Amendment and passage to allowance are respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 6,393,193
U.S. Patent No. 6,222,986
U.S. Patent No. 6,018,744
U.S. Patent No. 5,959,669
U.S. Patent No. 5,835,669
U.S. Patent No. 5,806,072
U.S. Patent No. 5,771,334
U.S. Patent No. 5,712,947
U.S. Patent No. 5,418,919
U.S. Patent No. 5,189,630
U.S. Patent No. 5,164,831
U.S. Patent No. 4,907,283
U.S. Patent No. 4,221,938

These documents were cited in parent U.S. Patent Application Nos 09/715,110, filed on November 20, 2000, now allowed; which is a divisional of Application No. 08/720,911, filed on October 3, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,192,191, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. In this regard, U.S. Patent No. 6,018,744 issued from a continuation application (U.S. Application No. 09/005,827) of U.S. Application No. 08/357,011, which was originally cited in U.S. Application No. 08/720,911. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of

the attached form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

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